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CHARLESTON, IL--Jeff Bennett, Bloomingdale, is one of the featured performers in Eastern Illinois University's production of "Seduced," one of six plays in the nation chosen to be presented at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

Bennett, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bennett, is a sophomore Speech-Communication major. He is a 1980 graduate of Glenbard North High School.

Bennett said he was looking forward to going because he's never been East before. "I'm not really scared now, but I will be when that curtain opens," the 19-year old actor said.

"Seduced," by Sam Shepard, is a satire on the final years of Henry Hackamore (a Howard Hughes-like character). Bennett, who plays Hackamore, "brings to life the Howard Hughes legend as few professionals have done," according to a review.

The play, directed by E. G. Gabbard, includes three other characters--Raul, played by Kevin Kelly, Charleston; Luna played by Nancy Slusser, Wauconda; and Miami, played by Karen Vogt, Waterloo.

The one-hour and 15-minute play was produced at Eastern in November and will be staged again on March 5, 6 and 7.

"Seduced" will be performed three times in Washington, once on April 28 and twice on April 29.

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CAPTION:

Jeff Bennett as Henry Hackamore in "Seduced"